

### **Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 28 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The coating slot 3, which has a width that corresponds to the requirements and preferably of ~~approx. 5  $\mu$ m to 500  $\mu$ m and particularly preferably of approx. about~~ 100  $\mu$ m to ~~approx. about~~ 250  $\mu$ m, is sealed off by means of a sealing sheet 7 provided at the piston 4. The sealing sheet 7 is thinner than the coating slot or has a lower width or thickness. The sealing sheet 7 is preferably made of special steel, plastics or a material that is resistant to the coating material or solution. Preferably, the sealing sheet 7 is arranged at the piston 4 by clamping it via two shells (not shown) between the seals 5, 6. As shown in Fig. 1, the sealing sheet 7 is preferably essentially triangular.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 21 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Preferably, a coating solution, preferably an aqueous solution (mostly clean solutions, solvents), is used as coating material. The type of confining fluid to be used depends on the coating solution. The consumption of confining fluid or purifier is preferably in a range of 0.25 % to 10 % and preferably of ~~approx. about~~ 0.5 % to 2 % of the coating solution. Preferably, the confining fluid comprises a component of the coating solution and/or particularly preferably, e.g., methanol.--